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1. ACCORDING TO GOJ SOURCES, DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
MAF MINISTER NAKAGAWA AND MINISTER ISHKOV FOLLOWING
NAKAGAWA'S APRIL 12 ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW HAS RESULTED IN SOME
PROGRESS IN JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS. JAPANESE
SIDE HOPES TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS APRIL 15. MAJOR
CONCESSION SO FAR IS THAT SOVIETS HAVE DROPPED DEMAND FOR
COASTAL STATE COURT JURISDICTION OUTSIDE 200 MILE ZONE
AND HAVE AGREED TO JOINT ENFORCEMENT PLANS. THIS WOULD
INCLUDE SOVIET RIGHT TO BOARD, INSPECT AND ARREST JAPANESE
VESSELS.

2. INITIAL SOVIET STAND ON TIME AND AREA CLOSURES FOR
SALMON FISHING ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE SOFTENED. SOVIETS
MAY AGREE TO JAPAN FISHING UNTIL LATTER PART OF JULY BUT
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SPECIFIC DATE NOT YET DECIDED. DATE INITIALLY PROPOSED
FOR TIME CLOSURE WAS JULY 1. UNDER PRESENT AGREEMENT,
SEASON CLOSES AUGUST 15 BUT NORMALLY QUOTA IS REACHED BY
END OF JULY. AREA CLOSURE INITIALLY PROPOSED MAY BE RE-
LAXED AS WELL BUT SPECIFIC DETAILS STILL BEING NEGOTIATED.
SO FAR JAPANESE HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN GETTING SOVIETS
TO INCREASE SALMON QUOTA. SOVIETS HAVE STUCK TO 35,500

TON FIGURE WHILE JAPANESE ARGUE THAT PRESENT 62,000 TONS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. SOVIETS DO, HOWEVER, APPEAR WILLING TO NEGOTIATE.

3. SOVIETS HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THAT "FISHERY COOPERATION" FEE BE LEVIED AT RATE OF 10 PERCENT OF VALUE OF SALMON CATCH. JAPAN HAS RESPONDED THAT THIS IS EXORBITANT BUT WILL AGREE TO 3.5 PERCENT. MANSFIELD

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